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Hydro-metric survey of the Kundipuzha basin.

* 361 *Q.*—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Hydro-metric survey of the Kundipuzha basin in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar, was started; and

(*b*) what is the total amount spent for the same up to March 31, 1953?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (*a*) The Hydro-metric survey of the Kundipuzha basin was started in April 1927.

" (*b*) As no special staff was employed exclusively for this basin, separate figures of expenditure incurred for this particular basin are not available."

Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI:—" ഈ സ്കീമിന്റെ സാദ്ധ്യതകളെപ്പററി ഗവമ്മേണ്ടിന്നു ഡിറെറയിൽഡ് റിപ്പോട്ട് വല്ലതും കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ ? "

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (Translation):—" Have the Government received any report regarding the advantages of the scheme? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" I want notice."

Abolition of the Board of Revenue.

* 362 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Board of Revenue is to be abolished;

(*b*) the strength of the staff that will be affected by such abolition;

(*c*) what will be the savings to Government by such abolition; and

(*d*) what will be the establishment charges for Divisional Commissioners and their offices in the different centres in the State?

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (*a*) to (*d*) The Government carefully considered a proposal to transfer the functions of the Board of Revenue to Divisional or Regional Commissioners and it was found on the whole better to maintain the Board of Revenue as it is for certain functions and give each of the members territorial responsibility in respect of functions other than those requiring joint consultation. This Scheme is being worked out in details."

Mr. SPEAKER:—" The next question also may be answered as it is on the same subject."